scheme enters into force should be denied any share in the discretionary allocation of 15 per cent from the power stations of CPSUs as well as any assistance under APDP. If the overdues of such States exceeded Rs. 50 crores in respect of any CPSU, they should also attract reduction in power and coal supplies, as applicable to the States participating in this scheme.

Following the submission of the Report of the Expert Group a high level Empowered Group consisting of Finance Minister, Dy. Chairman, Planning Commission, Minister of Power and Chief Ministers of some States met on 26.6.2001 and 6.7.2001. The Empowered Group endorsed the recommendations of the Expert Group with the following modifications:—

(i) Waiver of surcharge would now be 60% instead of 50% as recommended by the Group.

(ii) The incentives for achieving the reform-based milestones shall be increased to 6% in the first year and 5% in the second year.

Recently, Minister of Power has written to Chief Ministers of States and UTs urging them to initiate necessary steps for implementation of the scheme at the earliest.

Proposals for power projects sent by Bihar Government

†400. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals in respect of power projects forwarded to Central Government for clearance by Bihar Government;

(b) the present status of these pending power projects; and

(c) the effective steps taken by Government in this regard?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) A list of various power projects whose DPRs have been appraised/under examination/ returned for want of inputs, as on 30.6.2001, is given below:—

Sl. No.	Name of the Project/ Capacity (MW)	Remarks
	CEA cleared/appraised	
1.	Jojobera TPS (2×120 MW)	Cleared on 4.12.1997
	DPR under examination in CEA.	
1.	Kahalgaon STPP St.II (1320 MW)	Considered in the Standing Projects Appraisal Committee (SPAC) meeting and recommended for TEC. Pending inputs, however, are MOE&F clearance, fuel availability, submission of revised project cost based on the SPAC decision.
2.	Barh STPP (1980 MW)	Considered in the SPAC meeting on 28.5.2001 and recommendation for TEC pending inputs are compliance of section 29(2) & (3), MOE&F clearance, absorption of power.

The following schemes have been returned to projects authorities for want of inputs such as compliance of Sec. 29(2) of Electricity (Supply) Act, authorization of State Government under Sec. 18 A of E(S) Act, fuel linkage/transport, water availability, MOE&F clearance, firm financial package etc.

1.	Katihar (2×500 MW)	Returned on 10/95
2.	Ray (2×200 + 4×500 MW)	Returned on 8/80
3.	Patratu Extension St. V (2×210 MW)	Returned on 12/92
4.	Kadhwan MPP (5×90 MW)	Returned on 3/95

5.	Barun St.I (2×500 MW)	Returned on 17.5.89
6.	Patna G.T. combined cycle (GT 2×50 MW + ST 2×30 MW)	Returned on 17.5.89
7.	Barauni GT combined cycle (2×50 MW GT+2×30 MW St)	Returned on 17.5.89
8.	Patna TPS (2×67.5 MW)	Returned on 19.9.90
9.	Kanhar Pumped Storage Scheme (300 MW)	Returned on 21.7.99
10.	Sankh Stage II HEP (186 MW)	Returned on 13.1.2000

The pending projects would be considered for accord of TEC as soon as the essential inputs/clearances are tied up by the Project Authorities.

Allocation of power from Central Power Corporations

401. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the present formula adopted by Government for allocation of power from the power stations of Central Power Corporations *viz.* NTPC, NHPC, NPC etc. needs review;

(b) whether Rajasthan Government has expressed that the present formula is not based on the analogy of distribution of Central taxes/ plan assistance to the States etc. resulting in lesser allocation to the States from the Central sector power stations as a result States given higher allocation are selling power to Rajasthan; and

(c) if so, whether Centre will review the above formula?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) According to the formula for sharing of power from Central Sector power stations, power was allocated among the States/UTs of a region in accordance